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suckers to waste their money. You are going to follow people who eat snails, but, nevertheless, that's what they do. So the track has to get its money. All the suckers come to the track and they have...they used to a great big old copper kettle and everybody would throw their money into the kettle. And what the track, the one who runs the track would do is take the track's money out of the kettle right away so the track is never going to lose. And in order for Senator Redfield to win, then Senator Burling will have to lose his money that's in the pot. That's how you get the pot for the parimutuel betting. The track takes its money first, and the suckers are just battling for the rest of it. That's why you'll never bust a track. And then you still get very, very poor odds. You're more likely to lose than to win. But if every nickel in the pot is won, the track has not lost anything because it takes its money out of the pot first. People can't figure that out. Bookies always win until they themselves begin to bet. That's when a bookie runs into bad luck and why they run bookies out of town, because the people who won cannot get their money from the bookie...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and they'll do bad things to him or her. So there is nothing in gambling which is a sure thing except that the suckers are always going to lose and the house is always going to win, and that's why the state has chosen to be the house and it has chosen to be abusive toward those in whose interests it supposedly exists. How can a state whose people run the state, who will talk about family and other moral values, engage in such immoral conduct? That's why, in order to do the greatest good for the greatest number, I have to sacrifice all of the bills that exist right now on General File. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitor introduced.) On with discussion, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: (Spoken with a French accent) Weeth all due respect to Senator Chambers, I call zeeh question. (Laughter)

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five